

July 19, 1991

Re: Proposed Distribution Plan for the Utah Lake Drainage

Dear Water User:

On May 14, 1991, the State Engineer held public meetings regarding a proposed distribution plan for the Utah Lake drainage basin. At these meetings we indicated that we would like to receive any comments concerning the proposal by July 1, and then based upon these comments, we would decide our future course of action. In all, we received comments from 17 different individuals or organizations. In reviewing these comments, it has given us a great deal of insight into areas that were not as well understood as we hoped.

Our primary objective in making this proposal is to ensure the equitable distribution of waters within the entire Utah Lake drainage basin and to allow our river commissioner to respond to the changing conditions. Admittedly, the proposal that we presented to you on May 14 needs some modification and refinement. However, we strongly believe the overall concept has merit and will result in better water management. The proposed distribution plan is complex and covers a number of different issues and we realize it is perhaps difficult after only one meeting to understand all aspects of the proposed plan. As a Division, we are committed to

ensure that you as a water user thoroughly understand the plan so you can be assured that your rights will not be impaired. We have no hidden agenda with this proposal and will make every effort to treat everyone fairly.

From the comments submitted, it appears that a couple of issues were not very well understood. Enclosed is our response to all of the comments submitted. In providing these to all parties we hope it will help you in gaining a better understanding of the proposal.

Based upon the comments that were received, it is our intent, now that we have responded specifically to the comments received, to go back and rework the proposed distribution plan in an attempt to clarify several issues. In addition, it is our plan to provide additional data with regards to the water supply studies that we have conducted. After you have had a chance to review this material we will hold additional public meetings to receive your input.

We appreciate your involvement in this effort and value your input and comments. If at any time you would like to discuss any aspect of this proposal, please feel free to contact my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

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